AUTOMOBILES AND GOOD ROADS

OPEN TO TRAVEL

Famous Route at Last Gives Up Its Many Difficulties and Autos Can Make Trip.

By W. D. RISHEL.

When the Pilot car, driven by Ray McNamara, stopped in front of the Hotel Utah on Friday evening, the Midland trail from Grand Junction, Colo., was officially opened. The Pilot car also holds the distinction of being the first automobile to come into Salt Lake and here for their heavy repair work. Ballard's shop now has a number of cars which have been sent down for overhauling and general repairing. He says that the repair part of the automobile business is going to be a big industry for Salt Lake in the future. McNamara, stopped in front of the from Grand Junction over the Midland trail on its own power. This route now opens a direct line between Salt Lake and Denver by way of western Colorado and eastern Utah for automobile travel, and is the result of four years agitation for such a route. Its construction and completion as it now goes is due entirely to the enterprise and determination of the citizens of Price, Utah, and Grand Junction, Colo. These two towns forced the opening of the Midland trail, while the citizens of Price practically built many miles of This led to an expedition from Denver.

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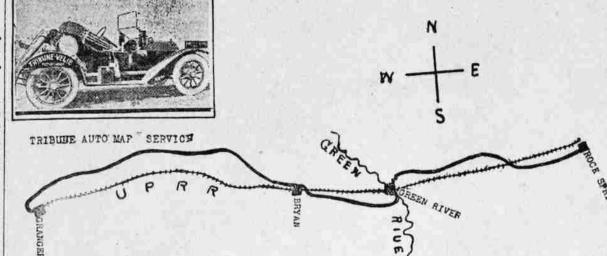
as cutting against the rim and breaking above

lusty, young rubber put through a process that

DECLARES ROADS ARE NOW IN GOOD SHAPE

Manager G. V. Ballard of the Postoffice garage has just returned home office garage has just returned home after a trip to Twin Falls, Ida. He reports the roads in that section of the country to be in excellent condition. The road builders have repaired many of the bad spots and put bridges over the worst washes, and in many places improved the grades. His running time between Twin Falls and Salt Lake was slightly under sixteen hours.

Mr. Ballard reports that automobile



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From which the route derived its name. Peck was forced to ship through Price canyon. Nearly a year ago A. L. Westgard tried the route and walked through Price canyon, sending his car around by the way of Emma Park and Soldier canyon. The Pilot car of the Hoosier tourists came through on its own rower and is therefore the first car.

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That the route was completed and built is probably due to a telegram sent by the writer to A. L. Westgaard at Denver, Colo., last fall. At that time Westgard was seeking an opening through western Colorado and eastern Utah. He wired here for information and was told he could not reach Salt Lake by way of Grand Junction in an automobile as the road was impassable. At the same time he was informed that he could reach Salt Lake by way of Vernal, Utah. Colorado influence turned Mr. Westgard to Grand Junction, and after trying vainly for two days to get into Utah, he gave it up and for the first time in his life found it impossible to proceed. Returning to Grand Junction he reported he was going back and come into Utah by way of Vernal, Utah. It was at this time the people of Grand Junction came to the front and forced Westgard through. It gave them a perpetual place on the Midland trail.

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Eleven cars and thirty men gave up their business and loading their cars down with picks, shovels, rope and food, started on the famous trip to Salt Lake and brought Westgard through in twelve days. When Price, Utah, was reached, 'The biggest little city on earth' joined hands with Grand Junction and helped complete the work started by the Colorado party. It gave Price a place on the Midland trail. This trip was followed by a long and strenuous campaign to open the Midland route. An organization known as the Midland Trail association was startand route. An organization known as the Midland Trail association was started at Grand Junction last fall. It grew in numbers, and through its work the state legislature was induced to appropriate \$35,000 to built the route. Nearly all of this money was spent in Price canyon with a little more on the route between Castledale and Green River, which route was not used.

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Price sgain came to the front and raised money to construct a trail from Green River to Price north of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. It is well that for the route laid out by the state highway commission would have been well nigh impassable for the tourists. With the opening of Price canyon the day before the tourists arrived and the aniendid work done by Utah county on Il nigh impassable for the tourists suffering stops instantly. Healing be ith the opening of Price canyon the gins that very minute. Doctors use it in their practice and recommend it lendid work done by Utah county on Mr. Alleman of Littletown, Pa., says Spanish Fork canyon, the tourists were able to reach Salt Lake with only a

Many Conflicting Reports.

For the past month conflicting re-ports have been sent out about the trail between rival towns along the trail between rival towns along the route. One route proposed was into Salt Lake by way of Green River, Castledale and Salina canyon. In order to settle the question of which was the best route, the writer in The Tribune Velie Pathfinder, accompanied by N. H. Bertram of the Bertram Motor Supply company, went east on this route to find its reachilities. company, went east on this route to find its possibilities. At the same time President W. H. Ellison of the Midland Trail association and Harry E. Wright of the Wright Motor Car company in a Rambler car, left for the east over the Price canyon route. The latter party were unable to get through Price canyon and reached Price by the Emma Park route after an all day and all night struggle over bad roads. Two days later the canyon was open for travel.

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The Tribune Velle Pathfinder reached Green River after three days' struggle by way of Salina and Castledale. At Salina Mayor Martin and A. J. Lewis acted as escorts and went through with the party to Green River. A day later a number of cars from Salina, Manti, Gunnison and Richfield went through the canyon and were joined at Castledale by others. The entire party went over to Green River to plead the cause of the route through Salina canyon. This party probably holds the distinction of working harder by showing a greater force of numbes to plead their cause than any other party that has joined the tourists since leaving Indianapolis. The road traveled by them is the designated state highway, but is now in bad condition. However, after a winter's rain has settled on the roads thay will rival the Green River route to Price for transcontinental travel.

Boosts Good Roads. The Tribune Velle Pathfinder reached

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Now that the tourists have come and Now that the tourists have come and gene it is well to state that their trip did the better roads movement more good in the state of Utah through that section of the country between the state line and Provo than anything that has been done. The country people along the route are aroused and it is believed will continue the work of building roads. In Emory county already much work has been done and in and around Castledale some of the best roads of the state are already in use roads of the state are already in use. The new road built by the state highway commission from Castledale to Green River should be good next year, but at the present time it is not nearly but at the present time it is not nearly as good for an automobile as the roud built by the Price people from Green River to Price. The state highway roads through Price canyon will, however, have to be wider before they are safe for auto travel. The Salina canyon route needs lots of work before it will be practical for travel. Teams and men are at work, however, and it will be improved as the scason progresses.

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barch at 2.9. At the time this route was logged work had not commenced on the this cut off.) Start west with the depot on the right, and at 3 of a mile cross railroad, stock yards on right after crossing railroad. Continue straight ahead, going north, and at 3.8 MAIN FORK—Turn right going east. (Note: Road to left here goes to Opal.) 1.1 fork, keep left. 2.9 arch on railroad to right. (Note: New road will come in here.) 3.6 bad wash. 6.4 bridge. 8 bad gully. 9.1 top of hill. 12.7 Green river two hundred feet to right. Good place to camp. 20. Peru railroad station. Operator here. 90.1 cross railroad 23.1 cross bridge. Forks immediately, but keep to right. 28. start down long hill. Sandy from 30.2 to 31.2. 31.9 forks, keep right. 32.4 forks, keep to left. 32.8 cross Green river. 33 turn gight, crossing railroad track at 33.4 railroad depot being on right. Turn around railroad depot being on right. Turn around railroad depot, go one block, turn left. Hotel on left hand corner at this turn. Go one block, turn left, rows ing railroad track at 33.7 row going around point of hill and follow a well built macadam road. Speed up through here. Cross railroad at 44.4 and again at 46.8 and again at 44.9. Keep main road to right, and at 48. ROCK SPRINGS—Public library 49. At the time this route was long in the constructed into Granger, and at 48. ROCK SPRINGS—Public library 48. ROCK SPRINGS—Public library 48. ROCK SPRINGS—Public library 49. Rock spring into departs to the constructed into Granger, and at 48. ROCK SPRINGS—Public library 49. Rock Spring into Granger, and at 48. ROCK SPRINGS—Public library 49. Rock Spring into the constructed into Granger and at 48. ROCK SPRINGS—Public library 49. Rock Spring into the constructed into Granger and at 48. Rock SPRINGS—Public lib

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